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Re:

STB Finance Docket No. 35343,

Susquehanna Union Railroad Company – Acquisition of Control Exemption – North Shore Railroad Company, Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad Company, Shamokin Valley Railroad Company, Juniata Valley Railroad Company, Lycoming Valley Railroad Company, and Union

County Industrial Railroad Company

Dear Ms. Brown:

On April 12. 2010 Susquehanna Union Railroad Company ("SURC" or "Petitioner") filed a petition for exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 USC 11323 (a)(4) in order to permit SURC to acquire 100% stock control of six Class III railroads presently owned and controlled by Richard Robey and for other relief including preemption and nullification under 49 USC 11321(a) of provisions of the December 13, 2006 Operating Agreement between the SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority ("JRA") and five of the involved railroads which require prior consent of the JRA to a change in control of its operating carriers. In response to the request of the JRA concurred in by SURC the proceeding is currently held in abeyance until July 6, 2010.

This letter is to advise that the JRA and the Petitioner continue to be actively engaged in negotiations which may lead to resolution of the relevant issues in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. In view of the progress that has been accomplished the parties have agreed that provision for additional time to complete ongoing negotiations is in the best interest of all concerned. For those reasons it is respectfully requested that the Board hold this matter in abeyance until July 30, 2010 to facilitate the ongoing

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negotiations. I am authorized to represent that counsel for Petitioner concurs in this request.

Respectfully Şubmitted

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